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TUESDAY	110,100
WEDNESDAY	104,360
THURSDAY	104,360
FRIDAY	100,680
SATURDAY	112,120

## GO TO THE BOTTOM.

The Senate of New York, stirred to action by the exposures and appeals of the press, has voted to investigate the Trusts and other combinations intended to kill competition and rob the people.

The inquiry will begin in this city tomorrow. It should be searching and thorough. The Sugar Trust has its headquarters here. Other combinations can be uncovered if the committee shall resolve to go to the bottom of this thing.

The legislative recess could not be put to better use.

## LET IT STAND.

The Saturday Half-Holiday law will not be repealed. Gov. Hill's veto would prevent that.

Whether the law may wisely be amended so as to apply to the three hot months only is a fair question for consideration. As a matter of fact, steady workers during long hours need a half day for recreation and improvement all the year round.

Interviews in THE EVENING WORLD today show that employers are by no means united in opposing the law. The liberal minded and unselfish among them approve it. Business could soon adjust itself to the new rule. Let it stand.

## A MODEL DECLINATION.

Mr. GEORGE W. CHILDS, of the Philadelphia Ledger, has furnished a model for all men who really wish to decline to be considered as candidates for the Presidency.

He refuses to be a candidate, and adds that he "would be compelled to decline the office, honorable and exalted as it is, if by any chance in the chapter of unforeseen events he should happen to be elected."

If Mr. BLAINE had constructed his letter on this model, the country would not now be considering whether there is a hidden Yes in his outward No.

## HATCH RIGHT, RANDALL WRONG.

Congressman HATCH is economically, democratically and incontestably right in saying that "as long as a dollar of the war indebtedness remains unpaid, whiskey and tobacco are fair subjects of taxation."

Mr. RANDALL is wrong in desiring to exempt these luxuries, indulgences or vices in order to perpetuate war taxes on the food, fuel, clothing and shelter of the people.

The expenses due to the war are: For pensions, \$80,000,000; for interest on the public debt, \$44,000,000; total, \$124,000,000. The internal taxes produce but \$118,000,000.

The taxes to be first repealed or reduced are those on the universal necessities of the people.

## THREE ADMISSIONS.

The Congressional investigation of the Reading strike has justified and paid for itself if it shall secure nothing besides these three admissions from a corporation witness:

General Manager WHITING, while explaining the "allotment system" under which the combine limits the production of coal, in order to keep up the prices, was asked: "How about the consumer?" "Oh, we didn't consider the consumer," he answered.

Mr. WHITING further admitted that all the mines in the Schuylkill region except the Reading are paying the 8 per cent. advance, and that, though the output of coal was larger in January of this year than last, prices are now much higher.

And so it appears that the coal barons consider neither the consumer, the miner nor the market. They simply "fix things" to suit themselves all around.

Ex-Senator DORNEY is more candid than most of the Republican politicians in saying that "the real reason why BLAINE withdrew was because he did not think he could carry New York."

Cutting up the dead children of the poor to gratify "a mania for autopsies" will receive a check through the exposures in THE WORLD of the RABBIT case.

The doctors continue to disagree as to the Crown Prince's disease, and meanwhile poor "User Fritz" is apparently approaching his end.

The hero of Winchester appears to be eligible for a second "SHERIDAN'S Ride." But who knows whether he will mount?

Russia's big iron-clad war vessel is a fraud and a failure. Has ROMKIN been abroad?

Both Had Business With The World. If a body met a body coming long Park Row, To The World you'd see one body in its office go.

Ten to one the other body has been there also With an "Ad." to get somebody as a servant, O!



THE VOTE ON THE SATURDAY HOLIDAY BILL

Remember Your and Don't Forget Your Friends' Enemies.

Jacob A. Cantor (Dem.) Frank B. Arnold (Rep.)  
Michael F. A. (Dem.) H. J. Coggeshall (Rep.)  
John Foley (Dem.) Geo. J. Erwin (Rep.)  
Eugene S. Lee (Dem.) S. S. Hawkins (Rep.)  
Holland C. Kellogg (Rep.) E. Hendricks (Rep.)  
Geo. F. Langdon (Rep.) John Laughlin (Rep.)  
John A. Lison (Dem.) H. W. R. Low (Rep.)  
Michael C. Murphy (Dem.) E. F. O'Connor (Rep.)  
James F. Pierce (Dem.) John R. R. (Rep.)  
Edward F. Rely (Dem.) Wm. R. S. (Rep.)  
Chas. A. Stedler (Dem.) Wm. L. Sweet (Rep.)  
Wm. A. Thompson (Rep.) E. F. Walker (Rep.)  
Henry Russell (Rep.) E. C. Walker (Rep.)  
D. McNaughton (Dem.)

Messrs. Fassett, Deane, Lewis, Worth and Van Cott, all Republicans, were absent.

## AT THE PETROLEUM EXCHANGE.

Tom Tye says he caught his new hat near the oil pit.

Although L. K. Young is a veteran, he is always on hand.

Broker E. L. Jones has acquired the familiar cognomen of the "Innocent Kid."

J. A. Macpherson says that Housatonic is the only kind of tonic: "a not posted on."

Rosevelt, Dan., de Aguerro and Pettigrew are known on the floor as the "tape fens."

George Lary wants to have his coal yard listed on 'Change. He says it's a sure dividend payer.

Cortland L. Parker is the blue ribbon man of the Exchange. He's a pronounced temperance advocate.

Walter Powers has a pocketful of bull cards, but is growing because he can't get a chance to play them.

Sim Ashton Lawrence is sometimes taken for a dodo, but he is really one of the finest athletes on 'Change.

Charlie Hammett makes up in voice what he lacks in height. Some of his high notes leave dents in the wall.

Broker Dan Mumford says that his Pittsburgh wire has got so cold lately that he can't get even an order over it.

Wallace Dean has applied for a search warrant to look up the bond market which was so large a few weeks ago.

John D. Lobb looks just as young as he did when he ran with old "Forty-four" in the Volunteer Fire Department.

George Wilcox, who has just returned from Paris, says there is not the slightest danger of a shortage in the whiskey crop.

Tom Patterson is ambitious to become anchor on the Seventh Regiment tug-of-war team. He is now trying bare and batonism.

Phoenix Haddock, one of the silent members, is an authority on hats. He says a light shade of brown—not too well done—is the correct thing just now.

George Nelson and Leifrand Chelwell are inseparable. "Cholly" does the dignified and George the elegant. The combination is regarded as a very strong one.

Ordinary Sam White would be taken for a quiet divinity student, but when he has an order to fill one would be pardoned in mistaking him for a wild comanche.

## WORLDLINGS.

John J. White, who died at Griffin, Ga., recently, was born, baptized, married and died on the seventh day of the month.

The Standard Oil men of Illinois are the two No. 10 brothers, who are said to be worth \$20,000,000. Their income is greater than the czar's.

Aunt Matilda Riley, of Raywick, in Nelson County, Ky., has just celebrated her one hundred and twenty-first birthday. She is still spry and active.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett is one of the most industrious of American authors. Four of her most popular novels were produced within a period of fifteen months.

A school-teacher in Buffalo County, Dak., whose wife was one of his pupils, had occasion to punish her one day. The next day the schoolhouse burned. The inscription: "School closed for one week owing to the illness of the teacher."

There are ninety-seven artesian wells in Dakota, extending in a line from Yankton to Gratton. They have cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000 each, and range in depth from 500 feet to 1,500 feet. In several of the towns the water from the wells is used for fire purposes.

The insurance companies last year collected \$2,000,000 net money in Chicago, for premiums, while they paid out for fire losses a little over \$1,000,000. The showing was nearly as bad as this in New York, and all around the year seems to have been an unprofitable one for the companies.

An Eastern man named Burdick, who removed to Kansas several years ago, found on the open prairie, miles from any settlement, a tax receipt that had been given to his grandfather in Allegany County, N. Y., thirty-five years ago. His grandfather was never in Kansas and he is puzzled to know how the paper got there.

Mrs. Chauncey S. Paine, who has recently died in Flint, Mich., was the daughter of Jacob Smith, the celebrated Indian trader, through whose influence the treaty of 1819 was brought about and the territory is upon Michigan ceded to the Government. Mrs. Smith was also a relative of Gen. Longstreet, of Confederate army fame.

Prof. Malcomson, of Dallas, Tex., who is said to be a teacher of some learning, advances the theory that the earth is flat and also motionless, neither rotating on its axis nor revolving around the sun. He also believes that the sun and moon are smaller than the earth, and that the light of the moon is her own and not reflected from the sun.

Shot Himself in the Head.  
Joseph H. Fitzpatrick, of 94 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, shot himself in the head last night at 361 Bowery, in this city. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he died at 5.30 o'clock this morning. Friends afterwards claimed the body and removed it to Brooklyn. Coroner's Physician Conway said that he had known Fitzpatrick for a number of years, and that he was a wandering minstrel who had been in the city for some time.

Fitzpatrick was a brother of ex-Albany political manager.

## A DOUBLE CRIME.

## The Story of a Son's Fall.

BY

*Richard Henry*  
A Coroner of the County of New York.

## PART II.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.]  
T was a gloomy spectacle. The close, untidy room, with no touch of cheerfulness about it at its best, was made horrible by the bloody deed which had taken place in it. The rickety table, with the remains of a poor supper cold upon the plates, and a few cheap wooden chairs were about the only furniture. The floor was dirty and blood discolored it in several places, bright patches of a deep crimson forming unwholesome bits of color on the grimy boards.

Then in this setting were the dead bodies of a man and a boy, and the two girls, fearful, frightened and sobbing! It was a shocking picture, and one that would move the most callous feeling. And then to come to such a sight from a scene so widely different as the gay gathering where beauty, wit and wealth were assembled to make merry over the prosperous years of a married couple, was to grasp its horror with unusual force.

I took the two girls to a good, motherly creature in the house and told her to keep them with her until I should wish to see them again. They went without making any objections. Then I returned to the room and began to examine things.

Near the young man I found a revolver lying on the floor. It was a large six-shooter. Four of the chambers were empty. The elder man, who was lying near the door, was wounded in the head and breast. The young man, or boy, for, as I said, he was not more than nineteen, was also wounded in two places, one ball having entered the upper part of his left breast, and another having torn its way through the left side of his hip.

The four wounds and the four empty chambers of the revolver explained themselves. But who had been the murderer and who the suicide? There was only one pistol and there were the two dead men. Hence one must have shot the other and then made away with himself.

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is doing. Her father used to have to scold her now and then. She deserved it all and didn't get half enough to keep her in her place. She didn't mind me very much, but she was a little afraid of her father. The other girl has been sickly and weak like for six or seven months."

"Did your husband drink any?"  
"Nothin' to hurt," answered the woman. "He'd take a glass of beer sometimes, just as anybody does; but he wouldn't fill up on hard liquor or get ugly."

"And the boy, what sort of a fellow was he?"  
"He was a quiet, sensible fellow, but he'd lose his temper pretty often and say cross things to his father. He never had much to say to me. He didn't like me," continued the woman shortly. "He thought I didn't care anything about his sisters, and got the crazy notion into his head that I turned his father against the girls. I didn't, though. I only let him think that he ought to keep Dinah from having her own way all the time and doing anything that came into his silly head. She is too fly for a girl," said the woman.

"Did the young man drink, or has he ever done anything out of the way?"  
"No," said the woman, half reluctantly, as if she had to bear witness to her stepson's good character in spite of herself. "He had a bit of a temper, as I said, and he'd talk to his father sometimes in an impudent way, just as if he knew what ought to be done a heap better than his father and me did."

"Did you hear any words between them to-night?"

(Concluded To-Morrow.)

## WELL-KNOWN MEN UPTOWN.&lt;/